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**From:** Hulstein, Sarah  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 3:40:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King - Summary of August 13 Conference Call on Costs

Hi Cinna –

When you have a minute can you give me a call? Or if there is a good time I can stop by your office.

Thanks,

Sarah

**From:** Vallejos, Cinna  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 9:06 AM  
**To:** Lesley Marie  
**Cc:** Liane Jollon; Portillos, Christine; Hulstein, Sarah  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King - Summary of August 13 Conference Call on Costs

Good Morning Lesley,

Christine Portillos who is part of the EPA onsite team will be contacting you this morning to provide a cooperative agreement application package. Please feel free to contact me or Sarah Hulstein if you have any questions regarding completing the package or regarding the award process.

Below is my contact information and Sarah's number is 303-312-6014.

Cinna Vallejos

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**Cc:** Lesley Marie; Liane Jollon  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King - Summary of August 13 Conference Call on Costs

San Juan Basin Health is interested in a cooperative agreement with the EPA per the email below. I would be the contact person for this venture. You may also contact our Executive Director, Liane Jollon. I have provided our contact information below.

Thank you for your assistance in getting us through the process.

Lesley Marie

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As requested, a summary of La Plata County's understanding of our discussion yesterday and path forward is set forth below for the benefit of everyone. I would appreciate confirmation of accuracy or corrections by the EPA.

Two separate funding mechanisms will be used. First, EPA has an existing block grant with CDPHE. In order to expedite funds to La Plata County (LPC), LPC received a PO from CDPHE on August 12 in the amount of \$200,000 (referred to herein as the "bridge PO"). LPC will

invoice against the bridge PO to cover costs incurred from August 12 to the date on which the long term cooperative agreement is in place.

The second funding mechanism is a long(er) term cooperative agreement between LPC and EPA. This cooperative agreement will cover response costs incurred by LPC after August 5 that were not otherwise paid by the bridge PO as well a future expenses related to the incident.

With respect to costs incurred between Aug. 5 through August 11, LPC will submit an accounting of the costs incurred as a result of its response, including personnel time, consistent with the County's policies relating to personnel costs and procurement during a declared emergency. As to future costs, LPC will submit the application, budget sheet and other documents provided by EPA specific to the Gold King release. The costs that will be incurred by LPC to retain an independent third party to verify the EPA's water quality data and monitoring plan (all as further described in the consultant's Aug. 12 scope of services) will be included in the cooperative agreement. LPC will use its revised statement of work to inform the application and the budget related to the cooperative agreement. LPC's proposal may include a section on incidental costs or overhead with an explanation as to the calculation to be made.

Under the EPA's process, a cooperative agreement is a type of grant. LPC will not be required to include or manage the costs of other local entities in the agreement. LPC strongly encouraged the EPA to enter into similar arrangements with the City of Durango, Southern Ute Indian Tribe and San Juan Basin Health. EPA indicated its willingness to work directly with the other entities once it gained an understanding of their roles in the incident and ongoing recovery.

Thank you for your assistance in getting us through the process.

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